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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of Amer-
ica as a government of the people, by
the people, for the people, whose just
powers are derived from the consent of
the governed; a democracy in a repub-
lic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign
States; a perfect Union, one and insep-
arable, established upon those principles of freedom, equal-
ity, justice, and humanity for which American patriots
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is
my duty to my country to love it; to support its Consti-
tution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it
against all enemies.

JADWIN ON WATERWAYS.

SERVICE on the fighting fronts and on important mili-
tary missions after the signing of the armistice seems
not in any way to have dulled the edge of General Edwin
S. Jadwin's interest in inland navigation, and it was the most
natural thing in the world to read that waterways was the
subject of the address which he made to the business men
of Pittsburgh at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

It is apparent from the published reports of what Gen-
eral Jadwin had to say on that occasion that all the while
he was in Europe he availed himself of every opportunity
to study the inland waterways, and it is to be hoped that
the War department will make it possible for him to com-
municate the results of his studies to the business men of
this country.

Congress has spent millions upon millions upon the rivers
and other inland waterways of this country, but today we
are practically without traffic on what is perhaps the most
magnificent river system in the world. There are a variety
of reasons for this, but the basic one is that American busi-
ness does not know how to use the rivers.

And yet with the cost of rail transportation mounting
to the skies we will have to learn how if we are to hold
our own in competition with such countries as Germany and
France after the world settles down to large production
and close figuring on the cost of it.

SECRETARY LANE.

THE announcement that Secretary Lane is anxious to
get out of the cabinet at the first opportunity arouses
much interest and regret. More than it would indeed
if it were not for the fact that the standard of cabinet
officers in the Wilson administration has shown a decline
with each change recently.

Secretary Lane is one of the big men of the country.
He certainly stands out as one of the really big men in
the present administration, and he has been of immense
service to the country. The explanation for this probably
is, as one Washington correspondent puts it, because he
has always been a progressive at heart. He thinks in a
large way and sees the national problems in their entirety,
differing in that strikingly from most of the men who have

been influential at Washington in the past seven years who
see things through eyes that are blind to the interests of
any section but the one they come from.

The Department of the Interior is one of the most im-
portant branches of the government. It does not often
have at its head a man who sizes up to it. There have
been times when the man has been so much below the
responsibilities that scandals and intrigues have multiplied.
But the present incumbent of the post has made a record
that any one might be proud of and for which the whole
country ought to be grateful.

A REAL HEROINE.

MISS THELMA MALONEY, who sang a New
Kensington, Penna., audience back into its senses
after an overheated furnace pipe had started a fire panic
in the Y. M. C. A. building of that town, may not have
the sweetest voice in the world, but she is made of the stuff
heroes are made of, and if she is not far and away the
most admired and sought after young woman in New
Kensington today there is something seriously wrong with
the people—and especially with the young men, who live
there.

It takes poise of an unusual character and in an unusual
quantity to do the right thing in the face of a fire panic.
Old Bismarck used to say that the finest kind of courage is
the three-o'clock-in-the-morning kind—meaning the
kind of self possession which enables a soldier, or any other
individual, to think clearly and act quickly and efficiently
when awakened from a sound sleep to look squarely in the
face of real danger. The kind of courage which enables
men—and women—not only to keep their own heads but
help others to regain their self possession during a fire
scare in a building crowded with human beings is akin
to the kind the creator of the late German empire admired.

Miss Maloney, we take it, is of the race which is as
much famed for its sensibility as for its fighting edge, and
the way in which she reacted to the danger which con-
fronted herself and the audience which was listening to
her singing shows that she is one of the elect. Here's
hoping that she will live long and prosper and be blessed
with a husband worthy of her fine qualities.

Yesterday the packers arranged with the Department
of Justice a compromise of the anti-trust suits which
the government was pressing against them. They agree
to sell their interests in stockyards, railroads and ter-
minals and in market newspapers and cold storage
warehouses except such as are necessary for their own
meat products, all of which probably under favorable
circumstances would work out to the benefit of the
public. But it is impossible to maintain similar senti-
ments with regard to the rest of the bargain, which
required the packers to get out of the retail meat and
grocery business and all other unrelated lines. It
strikes us that the effect of this move will be to smash
about the only system of food distribution in this coun-
try that approximates efficiency. It is a pity that some
way was not found to retain and improve upon in the
interest of the consumer the work the packers have
done along this line.

Another effort was made yesterday to eliminate the
clauses of the Cummins railroad bill which make strikes
illegal. It did not succeed, but after the vote was taken
Senator McCormick, of Illinois, made an effort to sub-
stitute the Canadian plan which prohibits strikes for
60 days after decisions of the adjustment board. That
too was not favorably received, but the Illinois senator
gave notice that he would make another attempt later.
Why, we wonder? The Canadian system has not proved
a success. It has not even had a tendency to reduce the
number of strikes, so why graft this failure upon our
system of railroad control?

In order to reach a little boy marooned on an island
in a river running full of ice who was desperately in
need of surgery an eastern Pennsylvania physician yester-
day pressed an airplane into service. Just as wire-
less telegraphy brought places of difficult access into
close touch with the busy world so will the airplane
knit people together more closely. A little later on
when machines are constructed which do not require
ten acre lots for landing and take off purposes such trip
as this Pennsylvania physician made yesterday will be
come a commonplace in difficult countries.

Secretary Green of the United Mine Workers said
yesterday in Washington that the general convention
of the organization which it was agreed at Indian-
apolis should be called probably will convene in Colum-
bus during the week of January 6. This body will
have very little to do, but its proceedings will be watch-
ed with great interest, because it will enable the public
to find out just how much influence the radical element
still has.

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of all women.
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As Suitable Gifts.

A Good Store---A Big Store
Stands Superbly Ready To Serve Your Christmas Needs

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Prevail throughout our garment section.

In this matter—there is no need for any flight of
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Practical Common Sense.

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vested in anything better! Provided the garment is one
of fashion and of quality. Of these—there need be no
doubt with this superb collection to choose from.

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THE REDUCTIONS ARE GENEROUS.

EDITORIAL:—

Stored energy is a
great thing. So is stored
service.

The real test of either
comes when the occasion
demands a greater quan-
tity at which times the re-
serve power must not be
found wanting.

To render the right kind of ser-
vice during the busy holiday sea-
son is a good test for any store.
To be prepared to give the kind
of service that people expect at a
time when a greater service is
needed is one of the main reasons
for employing public relations
and competent salesmen.

Some may not think it is worth
it, but we do. Probably that is
one of the reasons why

COURTNEY'S STORE

is known so well for the kind of
service it renders.

Please do your shopping early
and take with you, if you don't
mind, the smaller packages.

The larger ones we'd be only
too glad to send.

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Wise Persons Are Certainly Buying
Great Numbers of
HANDKERCHIEFS NOW

We are selling them by the hun-
dreds, but our stocks are still full of
these small bits of dainty squares in
both white and colored designs. All are
wonderful values at Courtneys'.

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tractive. In colors and black with ring and
strap handles. Beautiful novelties in design, as
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Christmas Morning, Too Many
FINE KID GLOVES

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collection of good dependable makes
in tan, brown, black, white and
champagne. Many with novel fancy
stitching. Bring your glove needs to
Courtneys'.

Special Values At
\$2.50 \$3.00 \$3.25

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Courtneys' Store

Dependable Merchandise

RUFF STUFF

Lamp in the papers this morning the
info that a ship called the American
Press is to be launched at Hog Is-
land next Tuesday.

Hope the launching will be a great
success.

But most old timers around news-
paper offices can remember the time
when an effort to make the American
press take water would have kicked
up an awful row.

But whatever you say about it the
American press is progressive.

And it is a safe bet that it has
stored up less red eye than the con-
gressmen who voted the country dry.

Bando's motive power super is here
with a lot of special mechanics trying
to put a little life into a lot of broken
down engines which are needed badly
just now.

If an emergency in coal traffic ever
found the Bando all set most of the
folk in the coal trade would die of
shock.

Judging by the way they go about
it cold weather and deep snows are
absolutely new things in this neck
of the woods.

The beef trust has agreed to get out
of the candy etc. business.

But with one of the fragments of
what used to be the old tobacco trust
getting ready to go into the candy part
of the beef trust; discarded lines the
cry from the retailers that the trusts
are crushing business promise to be
as poignant as ever.

And the Attorney General probably
will not have to resign on the ground
of no work to do.

Christmas trees are selling for about

the same they sold for last year.

Did the dealers get stung last year?

But anyhow Christmas cheer is go-
ing to cost a heap more this year.

And it is going to be of an inferior
quantity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WATCH YOUR PLUMBING.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 19.—[Editor The
West Virginian]—As Christmas sea-
son approaches, when a good many
people go out of town on a visit, the
following hints will be of value.

A good many people think they can
properly drain plumbing when they
cannot.

When boiler is located in basement,
frequently pipe drain into the boiler,
and it must be remembered that after
the water is shut off, a bucket or two
must be drawn from the boiler to
make room for the water to drain into
it. When water is shut off the spigots
used up stairs must be opened to
give the pipes air, and when the spigots
downstairs are opened, water will
run out. Leaving cold water pipes run-
ning will not protect the hot water
pipes, as there is no circulation in the
hot water pipes unless the hot
water spigots are running.

In case you should have a frozen
pipe, endeavor to thaw it at once, as
the longer it goes, the harder the
freeze, and usually it is not much
trouble if looked after immediately.
In thawing, open spigots and then start
where water comes in from street and
work up. Salt will thaw frozen waste
traps or closet tanks or bowls. Re-
member water always stands in trap,
and must be well salted to prevent
freezing. Traps are located at sink,
bath tub, wash basin and closet bowl.
Twice a week several buckets of water
should be drained from bottom

of boiler, to carry away sediment and
clear the water.

A low fire in bath room at all
times will cost little, and plumbing
must be kept warm in winter to pre-
vent freezing. Often times a lamp or
lantern will furnish heat in a pinch if
gas should be weak. Keep one handy
at all times. An oil stove will also be
a great comfort.

With approach of cold weather, cel-
lar ventilators should be covered over
with a board and cloth to keep out
cold and draft and help save fuel as
well as keeping floors warmer. Also
look for any other places where cold
could enter. A little preparation will
often save a good deal of annoyance
later on.

Big Road Programs in Down State Counties

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—
Election will be held in Washington
district of Boone county January 6 on a
proposed \$146,000 good road bond
issue. The State Road Commission
has approved as a Federal aid pro-
ject the paving of three miles between
Spencer and Walton, Boone county, at
a total cost of \$67,000 of which \$27,000
is aid.

The Fayette county court has an-
nounced that contract will be let on
January 5 for paving eight miles of
the Midland Trail between Cliff Top
and Nice, Nuttall district. The es-
timated cost of construction is \$100,-
000 and the road will be either con-
crete or penetration macadam.

SIX NEW HIGH SCHOOLS.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—
Six new high schools were estab-
lished in West Virginia this year, accord-
ing to the report of L. L. Friend, state
superintendent. Four schools for white
pupils are at Adamston, Harrison
county; Burchfield, Wetzel county;
Hamlin, Lincoln county; and Hamlet,
Greenbrier county. New colored high
schools are at Buckhannon, Upshur
county and Gary, McDowell county.